

August 29, 2001

Judge Al W. Jones
Judge, Brazos County
300 E. 26th Street
Bryan, TX 77803

Dear Judge Jones:

Enclosed is the Interlocal Agreement executed between the City of College Station and Brazos County pertaining to the delivery of Emergency Medical Services to unincorporated areas of Brazos County.

During its August 23, 2001 meeting the College Station City Council approved the Interlocal Agreement for the current fiscal year and fiscal year 2001 - 2002. The City Council did not approve the Interlocal Agreement for fiscal year 2002 - 2003. College Station City Council cited the following stipulations pertaining to year three of the agreement:

1. We feel it would be fair and equitable for Brazos County to share in any potential liability the City of College Station may incur while providing Emergency Medical Services to unincorporated areas of Brazos County. The Interlocal Agreement as written does not clearly identify Brazos County sharing in any potential liability.

2. The second item discussed by Council was "fair share funding." The core issue is the county's willingness to come to the table and pay their fair share of the cost of service. Residents of College Station should not be required to subsidize the cost of Emergency Medical Services to residents living within the unincorporated areas of Brazos County. Early in the negotiations process the Fire Chiefs of both College Station and Bryan provided documentation of the county call volume in relation to city calls. On average the county counts for ten percent of our EMS call volume. It appears our request is fair and equitable for Brazos County to participate at a funding level equal to a minimum of ten percent of the city's EMS operating budget. This current year the fire department EMS budget is \$1,655,000. In fiscal year 2001 - 2002 the EMS budget is projected to be \$1,755,000. As clearly indicated the county offer falls well short of the ten percent we are requesting.

It is our hope we can continue negotiations over the next twelve months that provide for fair share funding and a resolution to liability issues. The City of College Station has enjoyed working with and providing services for Brazos County. The City of College Station is prepared to continue services to the unincorporated areas of Brazos County upon successful conclusion of the negotiation process. However, in the event further negotiations are not successful the City of College Station will have to review its options regarding future delivery of Emergency Medical Services to unincorporated areas of Brazos County.

It is our intent to work in partnership with Brazos County while insuring a fair and equitable agreement that provides Emergency Medical Services at a reasonable cost to all parties involved.

I am prepared to discuss the above mentioned items with you at any time. I would like to recommend we meet early in January 2002 to insure we can include any modifications to the agreement in our 2002 - 2003 budgets.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Giordano", written in a cursive style.

David Giordano
Fire Chief
City of College Station

Cc/ Tom Brymer
College Station City Council
Judge Al Jones
Brazos County Commissioners